

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:826

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SCRAP FROM ABROAD

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether large quantity of scrap is being imported in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total quantity of scrap brought in the country during the last three years;
- (c) the reasons for bringing such scrap into the country;
- (d) whether the Government has signed any agreement with foreign countries in this regard;
- (e) if so, the main features of the said agreement;
- (f) whether any assessment of possible adverse effects of signing such an agreement has been carried out; g) if so, the details thereof; and h) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) & (b) Import of metal scrap is allowed in the country as per provisions contained under Paragraph 2.32.2 of Handbook of Procedures to the Foreign Trade Policy. The total quantity of scrap imported during the last three years is given at Annexure.
- (c) Import of metal scrap is permitted to cater to the raw-material requirement of a large number of processing units established in various parts of the country. Imported scrap provides for a cheaper and more environmental friendly alternative to virgin raw-material.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) to (h) Does not arise.